

Dear FCC:

The FCC has voted unanimously to review laws that prohibit the same company from owning both a newspaper and a TV station in the same geographic area, and laws that limit the percent of the national audience that a single company can reach. FCC chair Michael Powell has made no secret his desire to abandon any substantive public interest restrictions on the dominance of big media corporations. The dangers of such overwhelming concentration of the media in fewer and fewer hands is dangerous to the best interest of this country for the public to get objective news accounts of what is happening in the world without the bias of the corporate owners of the media censoring the news to protect their own interests! The changes underway will make the U.S. media even less diverse, more commercial and less accountable to the public. Lifting the cross-ownership ban to allow further media consolidation will not serve the public!

Sincerely,  
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